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- 1) January 21, 2008 letter as faxed to PCT Operations requesting addition of the foreign applications to the official Filing Receipt dated 12/28/2007 and including:
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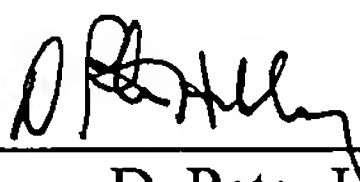
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3) A printout from the PAIR record from our file indicating that the correction had been made at least as early as June 18, 2008, well before the patent issued on September 30, 2008.

4) A copy of the cover page of US Patent 7,429,730 with the correction marked thereon.

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New Zealand Serial No. 528617 filed November 25, 2003
New Zealand Serial No. 531103 filed February 12, 2004

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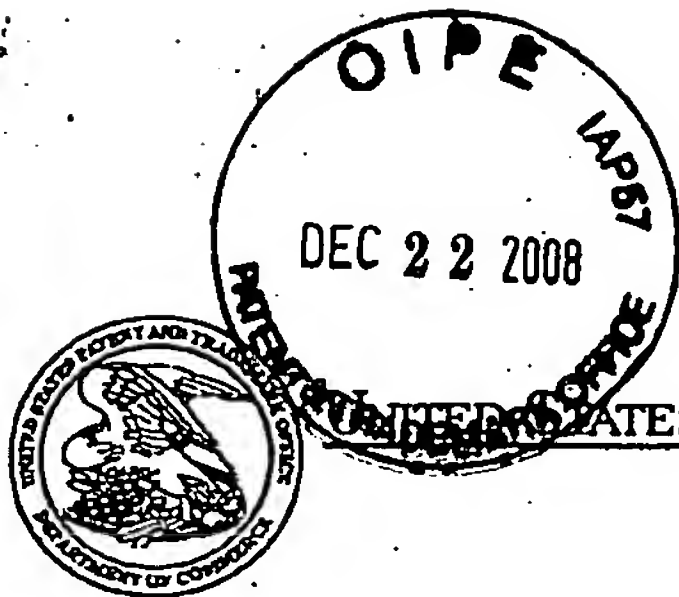
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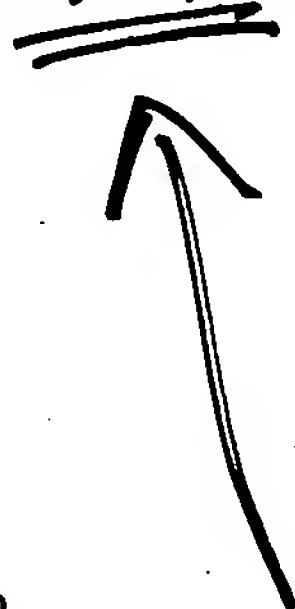
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A SIFT or SIFDT apparatus in which the upstream quadrupole and the downstream quadrupole are housed within a single evacuated chamber with the upstream quadrupole being connected to the downstream quadrupole by a curved flow tube. In a preferred form the interior of the chamber is divided into sections by an electrostatic shield which shields the upstream quadrupole and source connection from the downstream quadrupole and detector.

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